



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09481.0009-01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Jeffrey A. HEROUX et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1637
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Application No.: 09/976,437	)	Examiner: S. Chunduru
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Filed: October 15, 2001	)	
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For: ASSAYS FOR MEASURING	)	Confirmation No.: 3932
NUCLEIC ACID BINDING	)	
PROTEINS AND ENZYME	)	
ACTIVITIES	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2004, the period for response having been extended to April 19, 2004, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.